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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] OGC

SUBJECT : Nesson Letter Requesting CIA Documents

1. In response to a request from the Central Reference Service in mid-May, we reviewed our holdings in an attempt to locate the documents listed by Mr. Nesson. We checked our chrono file, the original Pentagon Papers, the Government Printing Office published version of the Pentagon Papers, and our Damage Assessment Index for the Pentagon Papers. The problem of locating the requested documents was compounded by the lack of specificity in their description by Mr. Nesson. In May, we were either able to provide copies of several of the documents or leads as to where CRS would be able to locate the material.

2. Upon receipt of the subpoena for Mr. Thuermel requesting the same documents, we again reviewed the above data but were unsuccessful in identifying any additional documents in answer to the subpoena list. At this time, we provided CRS with our Pentagon Papers Damage Assessment Index so that it could be used in their continuing search for the material. Mr. Peterson's 6 June memorandum listing the results of CRS's initial search appears to reflect an intensive effort to pinpoint the documents and is as comprehensive as is possible given the vague descriptions provided on both Nesson's letter and the subpoena.

3. It is regrettable that it has not been possible to confidently identify all of the documents requested, but it is felt that any further search for them will not be fruitful. Should Mr. Ellsberg's lawyers come forward with a new or more specific list, we, of course, stand ready to make another attempt at locating them for you.

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